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Inventors:

Moore et al.

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- Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; 3.
- 4. Facsimile copy of Declaration of Kevin M. Moore under 37 C.F.R. §1.132;
- 5. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- Form PTO-1449 listing two (2) cited documents (AK2 and AT1); 6.
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Respectfully submitted,

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